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MEXICAN TROOP TRAIN TRAPPED

Halted In Mal Paso Mountains, Government Forces Compelled To Disembark

21 SOLDIERS KILLED, 42 WOUNDED

Held Their Ground for Five Hours—Rebels From Sheltered Heights Poured Deadly Fire on Ambushed Federals—Mountains Swarm with Revolutionists—Train Forced to Put Back.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 20.—Twenty-two wounded government soldiers were brought in today, thus confirming reports that the troop train which left here Saturday was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Mal Paso, a few miles east of Pedernales, and about 120 miles east of here. The official report states that the federals lost twenty-one killed and ten missing and forty-two wounded. The latter includes Colonel Guzman, who was in command of the expedition. The unreported loss is not known.

The train left here Monday morning, carrying three field pieces on a coal car and 500 soldiers. Pancho Villa, the bandit, who, while operating independently, still regards the government as his enemy, fired on the second section as it was passing through Andanita canyon, but did no damage.

TROOPS FROM MEXICO CITY

Being Hurried to the Scene of the Insurrection.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—The Tenth Battalion of Infantry and a battery of Artillery, under command of General Francisco I. Madero, have been sent to the zone of insurrection activity in Chihuahua. Another train carrying two regiments of Infantry is said to have left Guadalajara last night for the same destination.

The force from this city is in command of General Sanchez Rivero and Colonel Rafael Luis. The Tenth Battalion contains 492 enlisted men and 10 officers.

The battery is classified as light mountain artillery and has six guns. These troops were said to be intended to reinforce Colonel Guzman at Pedernales.

According to official information the government forces are preparing to deliver a crushing blow to the revolutionists. The situation is said to be as follows:

On the side of the valley of Mal Paso (and Pedro) is the force of General Navarro, numbering 1,000 men. Colonel Guzman is on the other side with a force of 300 troops. He has not tried to force his way around the head of the canyon to join the troops now under command of General Navarro, but instead communicated the situation to headquarters in Chihuahua and received orders to wait for reinforcements.

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Unconfirmed reports state that he had his hands full with the rebels he has been fighting off and on since Thursday.

Government Troops Retreat

Worn out with the one-sided battle, Colonel Guzman loaded his dead and wounded, together with the remainder of his force, on to the troop train and ran back to Bustillos.

Here the uninjured disembarked, buried their dead and prepared to seek a junction with Navarro by some route other than the railroad.

A freight train sent out from here Sunday to load cattle at Bustillos was captured by the rebels.

PRIZEFIGHT DISCUSSION

LED TO MURDER.

Traveling Salesman Shot in a Cafe at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 20.—Joking in the safe of the St. Charles hotel here last night, R. J. Mitchell, aged 22, a traveling salesman for a Cleveland, Ohio, book firm, was shot and killed by a man with whom he was discussing a prizefight. An hour later Brooks C. Buffington, who for twenty years has been superintendent of a large office building here, and who is several witnesses to have done the killing, was arrested in the West End and he was about to take a car for his home.

Buffington denied any complicity in the shooting, but was arrested by the police on the technical charge of being a suspicious person.

Although Mitchell registered last Friday from Cincinnati, O., he is said to be a native of Michigan, and until recently a resident of Detroit. The body was taken to the morgue.

TWO LIFE SAVERS MISSING.

Were Trying Out New Boat at Rockaway Beach.

New York, Dec. 20.—Two members of the volunteer life saving crew at Rockaway Beach, L. L. Bruce, 18, and David Jamison, are missing and are thought to have perished today, when the new boat they were trying out with three other members of the crew upset in the surf. William Cassidy, one of the five, was taken from the water in an exhausted condition, while the two others, Fred Vollmer and William Phillips, made their way ashore.

The five young men were some 300 yards off the beach when a heavy swell struck them and the boat turned turtle. The water was icy cold and it is supposed that the missing men were seized with cramps and went down.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORMERS

To Be Addressed by Gov. Elect Baldwin and ex-President Eliot at Meriden.

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 20.—Two national figures—Governor-elect Simon P. Baldwin and Charles E. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University—will speak to a meeting to be held in Meriden, Connecticut, on Monday evening, December 21, to discuss the work of the Connecticut Civil Service Reformer association, having announced today that these two prominent men had definitely promised to attend and speak at the association's annual banquet in this city. Friday, Feb. 17th and Thursday, Feb. 23d, are dates that are agreeable to both speakers, and in all probability the date decided upon will be the former.

Court of Appeals Reverses Decision.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The court of appeals today reversed the judgment and order of the superior court in the case of W. B. Hartnett, former vice-president and general counsel of the Western Pacific Railroad and an official of the California Safe Deposit and Trust company. He had been convicted of converting to his own use funds of the Ellen M. Colton estate entrusted to him as trustee and had been sentenced to ten years imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary.

Whiskey Causes Two Deaths.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 20.—Immediately after taking a drink of whiskey out of a bottle which one of them had cut off a stool, which he had given to the deceased, Mr. Stephen Strickland, well known young man of Birmingham, dropped dead this afternoon. Their deaths are being investigated by the auditor arrested for embezzlement.

Cabled Paragraphs

Montgomery, Dec. 20.—Two deaths from cholera have occurred in the past twenty-four hours, since no cases were reported in the same period.

Tours, France, Dec. 20.—D'Autray was subjected today to a severe cross examination by the judges concerning his various titles and an alleged newspaper campaign carried on by him in America in connection with the ownership of oil properties. The judge also sought to ascertain under what circumstances D'Autray first met his wife.

WAS MEMBER OF WEALTHY FAMILY

Man Killed by Policeman Barnett in Philadelphia November 28.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Captain of Detectives Souder tonight announced that the body of the man who had shot and killed Policeman Barnett and was himself killed by a bullet from the policeman's revolver on the night of November 28, had been identified as that of Frederick Zuidkirk of West 167th street, New York. Telephones calls from this city to New York telephone prior to the shooting led to the identification, which was made by Cleveland Winston, who ran an elevator in the 207th street house and identified the body as that of Zuidkirk.

According to the police, Zuidkirk was a member of a wealthy New York family, who refuse to claim the body of his son, who died with him. They called Zuidkirk "Zuckie," a diamond dealer, both of New York, are brothers of the dead man. His mother, they say, lived in Brooklyn.

FUNERAL OF CHILIAN MINISTER

Official Tribute Will Be Paid to Memory of Don Anibal Cruz.

Washington, Dec. 20.—As an official tribute to the memory of Don Anibal Cruz, the late Chilean minister, a special session of the Senate and a joint session of the House and the Senate will be held here tomorrow for the deceased dignitary. The services will be attended by the president, members of the cabinet, justices of the supreme court of the United States, the entire diplomatic corps, members of the foreign affairs committee of congress, the admirals of the navy, the chief of staff of the army and other prominent officials.

The funeral services will be conducted at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Eight non-commissioned officers of the army will act as body bearers and the casket will be borne from the legislative to the church on an army caisson.

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